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**NOVEMBER IS  
MILITARY FAMILY  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH**

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Seaman Apprentice Ignacio D. Perez/Released





Team,

It's hard to believe that we are well underway into the first quarter of the new fiscal year. With only a short amount of time onboard as your new commander, I am already impressed with the tremendous amount of work that everyone is doing to support our mission. Both Kiki and I are pleased to be here, to work side by side with you as we do our best to support the Fleet, Fighter and Family. I'm proud to serve with you and to be a part of our Navy's shore enterprise.

First, I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to making the recent change of command a success. It was a wonderful day. We provided a perfect and fitting send-off to Vice Admiral French and his family.

As we move forward, there is much work to be done. With more than nine years inside the shore enterprise lifelines, I know firsthand how tough this job is. It takes a great deal of effort every day by each of us to ensure our Sailors, their families, and our fleet operations have the necessary tools to be successful. I am excited by the challenge and am confident we will do this together by committing to service through action.

The work you do every day is vitally important to our Sailors and their families and meeting the CNO's Navigation Plan and his three tenets of Warfighting First, Operate Forward, and Be Ready. To help us execute our mission, I ask you to embrace my five guiding principles:

1. Take customer service to the next level
2. Be brilliant on the basics
3. Make smart business decisions
4. Live a culture of continuous improvement
5. Represent the Navy to the surrounding communities

I hope you'll keep these guiding principles handy and refer to them often as you go about your daily routine. We will continue to make a difference with service through action.

Over the past two weeks I've asked our Regional Commanders and HQ team to identify our strengths and areas requiring improvement. From this information, we will work collaboratively to develop our goals for the next year and our overarching strategic guidance. One of my first priorities is to listen – to hear from you what we need to work on. I value your input and will keep you posted on what I'm hearing.

Over the next few months, I look forward to making my way around the enterprise. I depart this week on my first trip to Region EURAFSWA, visiting our newest installation (Naval Support Facility Deveselu) in Romania, followed by a stop in Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, and then Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

As I close, I'd like to thank all of our veterans – especially as 11 Nov. approaches. I urge you to participate in Veterans Day events as a way of honoring their service.

Thank you all for what you do every day. It's an honor to serve with you.

All the best, Vice Admiral Dixon Smith



*Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith*

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Team,

What a fantastic end to October! On a beautiful Fall day at the Washington Navy Yard, we bid farewell to a great naval officer, leader and our 4th commander of Navy Installations Command, Vice Admiral French. Lucky for us we hailed one of the most respected, genuine, and energetic commanders, Vice Admiral Smith on the same day!

For me, November really kicks off a special season – family, friends, and gatherings (and good food). I can't think of a better month than November to designate Military Family Appreciation Month. It is an opportunity for us to pay special thanks through our words, actions, and command observances and events to recognize the commitment to service our families share with us. We would not be able to do what we do without their love, encouragement and support. They keep the family going when we are away, and they are the reason homecomings are so great. Please take the opportunity to do something special for those within your "family" circle.

This month we also celebrate our Veterans on November 11. We are very fortunate here in D.C. to participate in multiple, high-visibility Veteran's Day events, such as visiting the Veterans who fly in from around the country on the Honor Flights. Veterans love our participation and Sailors love to show off their dress uniforms and talk with Veterans and exchange sea stories. To the many Veterans of CNIC - thank you for your service!

Speaking of Veterans ... this month is also National American Indian Heritage Month. Last year, a bill was passed that allowed for the construction of a Native American Veteran's Memorial on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian here in D.C. Over 156,000 Native Indians have served in the armed forces and during the month of November, we pause to recognize their contributions. Our diversity observances highlight why we are the best organization (military) to work for, in addition to providing history of those who have gone before us.

Be safe in your travels, enjoy Thanksgiving with friends and family, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Very respectfully,  
FORCM(SW/AW) Nancy Hollingsworth



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# Why Appreciate Military Families?

By Elaine Sanchez, American Forces Press Service

In honor of Military Appreciation Month, I created a Top 10 list of the qualities I most appreciate about military families.

Ten qualities hardly seem enough to encompass the amazing service and sacrifice of our nation's military families, but I figured it's a start.

What I most appreciate about military families:

10. Their sense of humor. I think this is a prerequisite for military families -- kind of an "If you don't laugh, you cry," complex, particularly when it comes to deployments. For instance, my friend Vivian wrote a blog post for Family Matters last year about a piece of pizza. Her Navy husband had just deployed, and the pizza was the only remnant of the family's last meal together before he left. "So there it sits, mocking me while growing another skin in our fridge," she wrote of that pizza, "a smelly, and somewhat odd, reminder that the man of the house, an integral piece of our family, is gone again." Funny ... and sad.

*"Our nation owes each day of security and freedom that we enjoy to the members of our Armed Forces and their families. Behind our brave service men and women, there are family members and loved ones who share in their sacrifice and provide unending support."*

- President Obama

9. They're passionate -- about everything. They give their all, whether it's volunteering in their communities, with their family readiness groups or in their kids' schools. What's even more impressive is they do so while balancing careers, home life, kids and education.

8. They're strong, even under extraordinary circumstances. Due to state-of-the-art technology and medicine, the survivability of this war is unmatched by any other, and service members are returning home alive despite devastating injuries. And when they do, their families are there to embrace them. In some cases, they give up homes and careers to care for their military loved one full-time. That's strength.

7. They're always willing to lend each other a hand. I visited an Army post about a year ago to interview military kids and met a teenager whose parents were both deployed in Iraq. He and his two siblings were staying with his parents' friends, who had three kids of their own. I was amazed by the couple's selflessness at the time, but since have heard of so many other examples that I've realized this caring and support is simply another aspect of the military family culture.



Friends and family celebrate as the guided-missile frigate USS De Wert (FFG 45) returns to homeport during a homecoming celebration at Naval Station Mayport. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacob Sippel)

6. They're resilient. A decade of war, frequent deployments, moves, career and school changes. Need I say more?

5. Military spouses. From the moment they say "I do" to a military member, they begin a life of service every bit as valuable as their spouse's. They give up careers to follow their military loved one around the world, hold down the home front during deployments, and offer their unfailing love and support. It's a lot to ask of anyone, and they voluntarily shoulder this burden.

4. Military kids. They're just amazing. They change schools, on average, six to eight times over the course of their parent's military career. They deal with long separations from loved ones -- who aren't headed out for a business trip, but for a year in a combat zone. Despite



everything that's thrown at them, they are strong, brave and adaptable. I met a high school senior a while back who told me he was OK with his dad missing his graduation, prom and a host of other events. He knew the reason why -- his dad's desire to serve his nation -- and that was enough.

3. Other family members. People often forget about the extended family members who serve too. The grandparents who open their homes to grandkids during deployments, the sisters and brothers who call and send care packages, a host of uncles, aunts and cousins offering their unwavering support. I spoke to a woman who took in her two grandchildren during her Air Force daughter's deployment. She was nervous at first -- it had been years since kids lived in her home full-time -- but then gained a new bond with her grandchildren. And she'd do it again in a heartbeat, she told me.

2. Their service and sacrifice. They, too, serve this nation. They weather holidays, birthdays and major milestones without their military loved one. In the worst cases, they must deal with their loved one's ultimate sacrifice. First Lady Michelle Obama expressed her gratitude for military families at an event to honor military kids last spring: "When we talk about service to our country, when we talk about all that sacrifice for a cause, when we talk about patriotism and courage and resilience, we're not just talking about our troops and our veterans," Obama said, "we're talking about our military families, as well."

1. They stand behind their service member. I know a military mom whose children -- all six -- had either joined

the military or were about to. All had joined while the nation is at war. While she was concerned, rather than deter them from their choice, she chose to support them. She told me it was an easy decision. "I always tell [my children], 'This is your time in history. You are where the action is and you're fighting for us, for your country and for the lifestyle we all enjoy.'"

I hope everyone takes a moment to thank a military family this month, and year-round. Or, even better, offer to give them a hand, whether it's with child care, cooking a meal or helping to mow a lawn. As the first lady often says at her Joining Forces events, "Everyone can do something."



Chief Information Systems Technician Demetrious Farrie, assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57), greets his family during a homecoming celebration after the ship's return to homeport. . (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Mark Logico)

Each year the President signs a proclamation declaring November Military Family Month. This annual proclamation marks the beginning of a month-long celebration of the Military Family in which the Department of Defense and the nation will honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the families of the nation's service members.

Throughout the month of November, military families serving around the world are honored through a variety of observances and recognized for their commitment and the many contributions they make every day in support of the military and our nation. Efforts to recognize the sacrifices of the military family by Active, Guard, and Reserve leaders are

being joined and supported by DoD organizations to include the Army Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency, and others.

Community leaders, businesses, and military bases and posts are teaming up to recognize military families through special events such as: open houses, fun runs, family fun nights, and community dinners; discounts at MWR facilities, local business and sporting events; and special recognitions during community activities throughout the month of November.

Contact your local MWR or Family Services offices to learn more about events scheduled in your area.



## Recognition Ceremony held at Navy Installations Command

*By Mass Communication Specialist 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Belanger, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON D.C. – At a ceremony in the command headquarters atrium at the Washington Navy Yard, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) hosted a Warrior Care month recognition ceremony. Command employees attended the event which included a video presentation about the Navy's wounded warrior care program along with special remarks from guest speakers including Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Office of Warrior Care Policy, James Rodriguez, and Navy Chief Logistics Specialist Averill Malone.

Capt. Brent Breining, Navy Installations Command's Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor program director welcomed guests and gave remarks about the importance of the Wounded Warrior – Safe-Harbor program.

"This year's theme "a show of strength" recognizes the fortitude and resiliency the Wounded Warriors exhibit on their journey towards recovery," said Breining. "It is our hope that this event will instill a greater appreciation for the lifetime of support that Wounded Warrior--Safe Harbor provides."



Navy Chief Logistics Specialist Averill Malone shares a personal story of recovery from PTSD with military and civilian members of Navy Installations Command. November is Warrior Care month, throughout the month, The Office of Warrior Care and all of the services' wounded warrior regiments will be highlighting various wounded warrior programs, activities, stories of recovery, and personal triumphs. (U.S. Navy photo by Sandra Niedzwiecki)

Following the national anthem sung by Naomi Howell, a civilian employee with the command, and invocation by a command chaplain, Cmdr. Phillip King, Vice Adm. Dixon Smith spoke briefly about the relevance

of having programs like this and the benefits of spreading the word.

"This month serves as an opportunity to recognize wounded warriors in all services, as well as those who care for them, for their service, sacrifices and achievements," said Smith. "We have a responsibility to take care of our Sailors and Coastguardsmen and get them back to fighting form."

Rodriguez provided welcoming remarks clarifying that anyone can be affected regardless of age or length of service and not just the young and inexperienced.

"I want to highlight Chief Malone, one of the Navy's senior leaders, who has actually stood up and said 'I need help. I need assistance,'" said Rodriguez. "We have the programs to help him and that's what's important."

Malone, the keynote speaker for the event, suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from deployments to Iraq in 2007 and 2008. He has been in the Navy for more than twenty years and following his deployments struggled with his symptoms alone because he did not know where else to turn. After a violent family event he decided to get treatment from the Wounded Warrior--Safe Harbor program.

"I was having nightmares and was afraid of loud noises and I kept asking for help," said Malone. "They said I could have PTSD but back then I didn't know what PTSD was."

Malone brought his daughter with him and said he owed his success in the struggle with PTSD to her and his wife. His comments about his family and their support helping him through his darkest times roused applause from the more than 75 attendees.

"They played referee between me and the world," said Malone "They made sure I didn't watch certain movies and kept people who came to the house from slamming doors and things like that. It's because of her and my wife that I'm still here."

In 2013 Malone checked himself into Bethesda hospital and joined the Wounded Warrior adaptive sports program, which offered a variety of activities. Shortly after, he fell in love with archery and painting.

"I was looking at the other guys and saying that I



couldn't compete with them," said Malone. "I told a friend of mine that I didn't think I could do it and he said 'It's not about winning it's about recovery' and that became my mantra."

Malone competed in the 2014 Warrior Games at Colorado Springs, Colo. and won a bronze medal in archery, which was neatly displayed on an easel with his art work during his presentation.

The event concluded with a cake cutting and a poster signing.

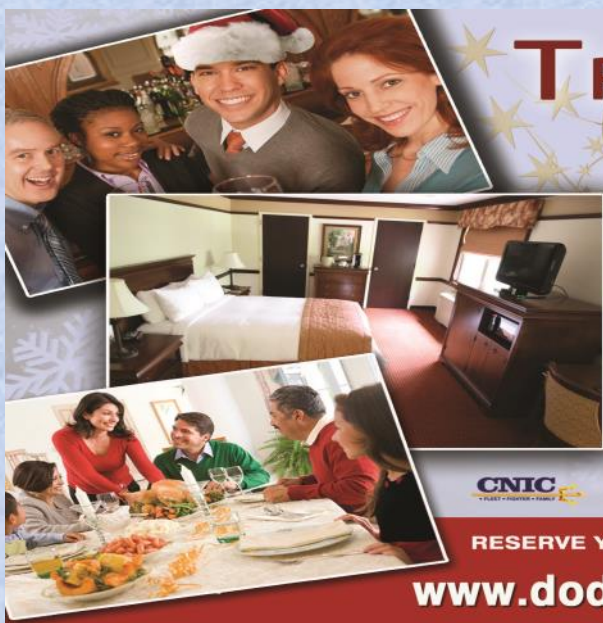
In 2008, then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates designated November as Warrior Care Month in order to inform members of the military and their families and communities about the programs and initiatives currently being provided through the Warrior Care system and the forthcoming improvements.

Throughout the month of November in Washington, D.C. and across the fleet, The Office of Warrior Care and all services' wounded warrior regiments will highlight a variety of wounded warrior programs and activities, including stories of recovery, and personal triumphs. Warrior Care Month is not only about what is being done for our nation's wounded, ill and injured service members, but also about what they do for us, how they continually give back to our communities, their families, and our nation that they have sacrificed so much to protect.

For more information about Warrior Care Month activities or wounded warrior resources visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>.



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Oct. 1, 2014) Team Navy member Navy Counselor 1st Class Misty Taylor takes aim during the archery competition at the 2014 Warrior Games. Team Navy is sponsored by Navy Wounded Warrior -- Safe Harbor, the Navy and Coast Guard's wounded warrior support program. (U.S. Navy photo by Robin Hillyer-Miles)



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# Navy Housing Prepares for Annual Unaccompanied Housing Resident Satisfaction Survey

By Navy Installations Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Navy housing residents can now provide feedback through the annual Resident Satisfaction Surveys (RSS) for Sailors living in unaccompanied housing. This is the second of two surveys that evaluate housing matters. The previous survey was for those in family housing, which was released in October.

The RSS is an annual survey that residents will receive from their building managers to allow them to provide feedback on their Navy housing experience.

Participation in the survey allows for valuable feedback that helps with sustaining and improving Navy housing services.

“Navy Housing is committed to ensuring our sailors and their families are receiving the services they deserve,” said Greg Wright, Navy Housing program director. “We know that single sailors have different needs and interests than those with families and these surveys allow us to identify those areas.”

Wright emphasized the need for feedback in order to make improvements.

“One of the best ways to capture the needs of our sailors is through direct feedback,” Wright said, “and this survey allows us to do that.”

The RSS measures all aspects of customer satisfaction with Navy housing, including staff services, the condition and maintenance of housing units, and other provided amenities such as furnishings and common areas. Navy Housing encourages all residents to not only answer the survey, but to provide comments on issues where we can do better.

The survey is also used to target funding for facility and amenity improvements.

“Service members who live in unaccompanied housing can help us to direct project priorities,” Wright said, “which we base in part on resident satisfaction.”

The annual unaccompanied housing survey opens on November 5. This year, service members living in unaccompanied housing may return their surveys either by mail or some will participate online. The surveys will be delivered to all service members living in government unaccompanied quarters by November 14.

For more information about Navy Housing programs or to find contact information for your local Navy Housing Service Center, visit the Navy Housing website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/Housing](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Housing).



Preparing to cut the ribbon on the new John William Finn Hall at Naval Base Coronado in 2012. (Navy housing photo)

## Unaccompanied Housing

*Navy Housing is dedicated to providing suitable, affordable and safe living quarters for single Sailors. The Navy Housing authority is responsible for barracks and dormitory housing operations and the facilities/public works organization are responsible for the physical construction and renovation of these buildings. Navy Housing and Public Works closely work together to assure newly-constructed buildings and renovations meet Navy requirements, and are outfitted with furnishings, fixtures and equipment to meet Sailors' needs.*



# Be Prepared: Register in WAAN and NFAAS Today

*By Navy Installations Command Public Affairs*

Sailors, both active and reserve, Navy civilian employees, and contractors working aboard installations with Navy Marine Corps Intranet or One Net user accounts are required to register in the Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN) and the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) from their desktop computers right away.

“The number of Navy personnel who have completed their required WAAN registration is shockingly low,” said Dan Haacke, Navy Installations Command’s emergency management systems operations specialist, noting roughly 44 percent compliancy rate across the enterprise.

Updating WAAN and NFAAS is part of the Navy Ready program under Navy Installations Command. Navy Ready is vitally important in the event of a catastrophic situation. Part of an ongoing effort to emphasize the importance of preparedness, Navy Ready needs everyone’s participation in order for the accountability system to be effective. In what only takes a few moments, registering in the WANN or NFAAS is the key to success.

Registration is not automatic, however. The two programs are independent and perform unique functions critical to force protection and personnel accountability and must be updated separately.

“Whereas NFAAS is used for accountability and needs assessments after an emergency, updating your information in NFAAS does not update your information in the WAAN”, said Haacke. “The WAAN is used by Region Commanders and Installation Commanding Officers to provide real-time alerts before, during, and after emergencies, force protection condition (FPCON)

changes, severe weather hazards, major traffic changes, and other situations that may affect personnel.

Sailors and civilians should update their NFAAS information twice a year to avoid outdated information which can delay the Navy's ability to account for and provide assistance to affected personnel.

Haacke cited Superstorm Sandy and recent typhoons in Hawaii as prime examples when those who had self-registered in the WAAN were able to receive alerts and updates on the evolving situation.

“While work phone numbers and e-mails are required to be registered, personnel have the option of registering personal cell phones as well as alternate cell phones of family members so personnel may receive alerts at work, at home, or on the go,” added Haacke. “In doing so, personnel and their families have access to information on what to do and where to go in case of an emergency, base closure, or all-clear notice. Bottom line, your command cannot inform you if they cannot reach you; register today!”

To register on the Wide Area Alert Network go to [www.ready.navy.mil/stay\\_informed/waan.html](http://www.ready.navy.mil/stay_informed/waan.html) and for NFAAS go to [http://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family\\_readiness/fleet\\_and\\_family\\_support\\_program/disaster\\_preparedness/navy-family-accountability-and-assessment-system--nfaas-.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family_readiness/fleet_and_family_support_program/disaster_preparedness/navy-family-accountability-and-assessment-system--nfaas-.html).

For more information on emergency preparedness and Ready Navy, visit [www.Ready.Navy.mil](http://www.Ready.Navy.mil), or contact Ready Navy by e-mail at [ready.navy@navy.mil](mailto:ready.navy@navy.mil) or by phone at (202)433-9348, DSN 288-9348.

## To Register, Click on the Purple Globe

1. NMCI and One Net users—Right-click on the Purple Globe icon (bottom right corner on desktop).
2. Select “Access Self Service.”
3. Select the “My Info” tab and update your Last Name, First Name, and Display Name and save.
4. Select the “Devices” tab and enter your work and personal contact information in the appropriate mandatory and optional device fields. (Note: Your ability to receive alerts on home phones, cellular phones, pagers, and e-mail addresses, depend upon information entered into the mandatory **and** optional device fields.)
5. SAVE. Update your profile any time you have a change.





## FRV Coveralls Perform as Designed, Prevent Injury

*From U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs*

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- A message sent out to the fleet by U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) last year introduced the Flame Resistant Variant (FRV) coverall and roll-out plan.

The new FRV boasted a design superior to the Navy Working Uniform Type I and legacy coverall utility uniform in resisting fire and preventing burn injury.

The FRVs were put to the test this month when a Sailor aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) was grinding metal during a project Oct. 21. Friction from the grinding wheel caused sparks of red, hot slag metal to be thrown onto the Sailor's FRV coveralls.

"I was grinding on a chair foundation for about 15 minutes, when sparks of hot metal landed on my FRV coveralls," said Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Ryan Davis. "I didn't notice the hot pieces of metal on my uniform, or how long they were there until the fire watch noticed a small flame coming from my coveralls."

The fire watch, Sonar Technician 1st Class Thomas Pauli reacted and quickly patted out the flame with his hand. The flame left a hole in Davis' FRV coveralls about the size of a quarter in his waistline section. Although the hole in Davis' uniform made it unserviceable, the FRV coveralls performed as designed, and as a result, Davis suffered no burns or injuries.

"It was a quick response from both me and HT3 Davis," said Pauli. "After assessing what happened, we finished the job without any other problems."

According to a USFF message sent out to the fleet in October 2013, the FRV coverall is made from a flame resistant-treated, 100 percent cotton fabric using the same design pattern as the existing Navy coverall uniform. The Navy's clothing and textile research facility has demonstrated the uniform's ability to protect Sailors from flame or flash fire hazards. A demonstration can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4fuMBwpp7k>.

Distribution of the FRV coveralls to the fleet is near completion and ahead of schedule. More than 325,000 FRVs out of 381,000 requisitions have been shipped to commands throughout the Navy with a completion rate of 92.4 percent. Most Sailors already have the FRVs and

have been issued two sets by their commands. Sailors shall wear the FRV coveralls until they are worn, damaged, or no longer serviceable.

Sailors are reminded that paint, oils, and other chemicals may compromise fire resistant performance. If



Operations Specialist 2nd Class Martin Vories compares the new flame-resistant variant (FRV) coverall with standard coveralls worn by Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark Birzer. FRVs will provide Sailors with increased levels of protection against a variety of flame and flash fire hazards. (U.S. Navy photo by Melinda Larson)

the FRV becomes soiled, torn, or prematurely worn out, Sailors should turn in the unserviceable FRV immediately and be issued a new set. As organizational clothing, commands maintain stocks of FRVs to support replacement as required.

The Navy provides organizational clothing to watchstanders and Sailors who work at sea and ashore who need extra protection against fire hazards in environments such as the engineering spaces, on the flight deck, and who are a part of damage control teams. Due to the environment in which the Navy operates, the FRV coverall represents progress toward making shipboard environments safer.

Although the FRVs were not designed to replace or serve as a fire fighting ensemble for battling a major shipboard fire, when worn properly with appropriate battle dress items (flash hood, gloves, pant legs tucked in, top buttoned, sleeves rolled down and buttoned, and steel toed leather boots), the FRV gives Sailors a first line of defense from burn injuries by offering significant resistance from flame and flash fire.



## DoN SAPRO Aims to Educate with "Did You Know?" Series

*From the Department of the Navy SAPR Office*

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (DoN SAPRO) will begin a monthly multimedia series titled "Did You Know?" in November 2014.

The series is intended to educate and inform Sailors and Marines on the different aspects of sexual assault prevention and response. Some examples of topics to be addressed include how sexual assault is defined in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), the responsibilities of Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and victim advocates, and various resources available to victims.

"The goal of this series is to continue educating our Sailors and Marines beyond annual SAPR training

requirements," said Jill Loftus, director, DoN SAPRO.

"A better understanding of what defines a sexual assault, the knowledge that each and every victim will have quality care and support, and the importance of bystander intervention will help to continue the increase of sexual assault reporting."

Each month, a different topic will be presented via article, blog, infographic or through social media ensuring a wide audience is reached.

"The use of different forms of multimedia will allow us to present the information in creative ways," said Loftus.

For more information on SAPR, visit <http://www.donsapro.navy.mil> or <http://www.sapr.mil> and <http://www.myduty.mil>.

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# 'Misty' Vietnam veterans commemorate 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War at PAM

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Diana Quinlan, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Hawaii

PEARL HARBOR (NNS) -- 'Misty' Vietnam War veterans, their families and guests attended the commemoration and dedication ceremony held on Oct. 30 at the Pacific Aviation Museum (PAM) Pearl Harbor on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

'Misty' pilots reunited for a panel discussion, a book signing event and dedication of a restored North American F-100 Super Sabre, marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

During the panel discussion, 'Misty' pilots spoke of their operations in Vietnam, their service and sacrifice to the nation, the challenges they've faced, the type of combat they have witnessed and spoke of the friends they've lost in combat and to the prisoner camps.

Doris Day, widow of 'Misty' 1, U.S. Air Force Col. George "Bud" Day, Vietnam prisoner of war and Medal of Honor recipient who passed away in July 2013 joined the veterans in her husband's place. She recounted her life as a fighter pilot's wife, her thoughts and emotions as she received the news of her husband missing in action in Vietnam, as well as her dedication to spouses of other pilots.

Veterans also spoke of the lessons they've learned and the advice they wish to give to future generations

"There are things worth fighting for, but we better understand what they are before we do it," said Don Shepperd, retired 'Misty' 34 fighter pilot. "When we go in, we ought to have the backing of the American people,



Misty FACs (forward air controllers) flew at low altitude, spotting and marking enemy targets in heavily-defended areas in Laos and North Vietnam. This all-volunteer group had a quarter of their number shot down during these extremely hazardous missions. (U.S. Air Force photo)



and we ought to go in with overwhelming force, so we can get out, because trying to occupy other countries and change their culture is not a core competency of Americans. I think we've learned that and should pass it on."

Upon completion of the discussion panel and book signing event, pilots and guests were invited to the dedication ceremony held at the historic Hangar 79, where the museum's F-100 Super Sabre, which has been restored at the PAM's Lt. Ted Shealy's Restoration Shop, was dedicated to Col. George "Bud" Day. Kahu Kordell Kekoa, pastor at Bishop Memorial Chapel, provided traditional Hawaiian blessing of the aircraft.

As part of the blessing, pastor asked 'Misty' pilots to join him in blessing the aircraft by placing their hand with sacred water on any part of the aircraft that was significant or in any way memorable to them.

During the ceremony, 'Misty' 40 pilot Dick Rutan and U.S. Air Force General Lori Robinson, commanding general of Pacific Air Force, served as guest speakers, and Jim Martinelli, PAM restoration manager, spoke on the history and pride in the aircraft, which is now on display for the visitors of the museum.

"Fraternity, brotherhood, kinship and comradery, airplanes are one of the few mechanical inventions that create these passions in human beings," said Martinelli. "The evidence for that is the fact that some 150 people gathered here to celebrate an airplane, the group of men and missions flown. This type of bond is most resilient between combat pilots, their aircraft, their crew."

Martinelli describe the work of volunteers on the aircraft and their determination to restore it to its former glory.

"You can rest assured that daring deeds of you - the 'misty' pilots and the F100 - are not forgotten here," he said. "And again, through this restoration, a sense kinship, comradery, brotherhood and fraternity was achieved with the restoration staff here at the Pacific Aviation Museum."

'Misty' was the call sign for top secret squadron of Vietnam fighter pilots in the 1960s and 1970s operating North American F-100 Super Sabre aircraft at high velocity and low altitudes, with the goal of disrupting the transfer of enemy supplies and equipment.

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## CNIC Guiding Principles

- **Take Customer Service to the Next Level**
  - *"Can-Do" Attitudes that Result in Positive Experiences*
- **Be Brilliant on the Basics**
  - *Know and Execute Policy / Doctrine; Perfect Our Guidance*
- **Make Smart Business Decisions**
  - *Advance Enterprise Alignment; Seek Efficiency and ROI*
- **Live a Culture of Continuous Improvement**
  - *Base Appearance, Sharing of Lessons, Critical Introspection*
- **Represent Navy to the Surrounding Community**
  - *Installations are the Face of the Navy; it's about Relationships*

**Service Through Action: Customer-Focused, Efficient, Effective, and Responsive**